



**BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF ECOLOGY AND INSTITUTIONAL  
SERVICES**



**HIGHLIGHTS OF PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL CITY AND  
STATE REGULATIONS**

**Section 24**     Swimming Pool Personnel

**24.1** Every swimming pool shall be under the supervision of a capable individual who shall assume the responsibility for compliance with all parts of the Swimming Pool Ordinance and the Regulations thereunder relating to the pool operation, maintenance, and safety of bathers. A capable individual is one who has successfully completed an approved course for pool operators.

**24.2** If the pool owner and/or manager acts as an operator, then a current card indicating the satisfactory completion of the following is required:

**24.2.1** Approved Operator's Course

In the event this individual also performs the duties of a lifeguard, a current certification of the following is required:

**24.2.2** Red Cross Community First Aid & Safety or equivalent.

**24.2.3** Red Cross or YMCA Lifeguard Training or equivalent.

**AND** Infant/Child/Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) or CPR for the Professional Rescuer (Maryland State Swimming Pool Regulation .40)

**24.3**     Pool Operator

**24.3.1** A pool operator shall be currently certified as having successfully completed:

- A. Same as 24.2.1
- B. Same as 24.2.2, if performing lifeguard duties.
- C. Same as 24.2.3, if performing lifeguard duties.
- D. CPR, if performing lifeguard duties.

**24.4**     Lifeguards

**24.4.1** Lifeguards, either full or part-time, shall have a current card denoting the successful completion of the following:

- A. Red Cross or YMCA Lifeguard Training or its equivalent.
- B. Red Cross Community First Aid & Safety or equivalent

**AND**

C. Infant/Child Adult CPR or CPR for the Professional Rescuer or its equivalent.

**24.4.2** The number of qualified lifeguards on duty at the pool side shall be in accordance with Section 7.5 and the following table:

1-30	persons within pool enclosure = 1 lifeguard
31-100	persons within pool enclosure = 2 lifeguards
101-150	persons within pool enclosure = 3 lifeguards

For each additional 50 persons within the pool enclosure – increase by 1 lifeguard. (See Maryland State Swimming Pool Regulation .40)

**24.4.3** In the event only one lifeguard is on duty as required by Regulation 24.4.2 and it becomes necessary that the lifeguard must leave the pool side, then the pool shall be cleared of all persons until the lifeguard returns or another qualified lifeguard is used as replacement.

**24.4.4** Wading pools shall be under the supervision of a lifeguard if the wading pool is the only pool at a facility or if the wading pool cannot be observed from the deck of the swimming pool. (See Maryland State Swimming Pool Regulation .40).

**MD State Swimming Pool Regulation .28:**

All pool drains shall be covered with a securely attached drain cover. Additionally, a method for checking the drain shall be provided.

**MD State Swimming Pool Regulation .40:**

A telephone shall be available that:

- a) Can directly reach a 911 emergency service without the use of a coin and without connection to an internal switchboard.
- b) Is posted with the name and location of the pool or spa and is posted with the telephone number 911.

**MD State Swimming Pool Regulation .44:**

Free chlorine shall be between:

- a) 1.5 ppm and 10.0 ppm in pools for swimming; and
- b) 3.0 ppm and 10.0 ppm in spas and in pools for wading or therapy.

Total bromine shall be between:

- a) 3.0 ppm and 8.0 ppm in pools for swimming; and
- b) 4.0 ppm and 8.0 ppm in spas and in pools for wading or therapy.